

Senate Resolution 1131

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Mary Brannen NeSmith; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Dr. Mary Brannen NeSmith in November, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. NeSmith was born on March 25, 1932, in Pulaski, Georgia, the beloved
5 daughter of Carrie Mae Brinson Brannen and Irvin A. Brannen, Sr.; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. NeSmith was an educator, a career woman, an activist, a world traveler, a
7 philanthropist, and a creative and dynamic force; and

8 WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and a master's
9 degree in business education and a doctoral degree in business management and
10 communication from Georgia State University; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. NeSmith held teaching positions at Georgia College, the University of the
12 District of Columbia, and the University of Maryland and served as chairman of the Division
13 of Business and Social Sciences program of the Northern Virginia Community College; and

14 WHEREAS, she was a member of numerous professional and civic organizations including
15 Beta Gamma Sigma, Delta Pi Epsilon, Sigma Iota Epsilon of the Academy of Management,
16 Phi Chi Theta, Pi Omega Pi, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of
17 the XVII Century, and Civic Garden Club, just to name a few; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. NeSmith was united in love and marriage to her childhood sweetheart,
19 Colonel E. Archie NeSmith, Jr., and was blessed with two remarkable children, Caroline and
20 Roy; and

21 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
22 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
23 her family and friends was admired by others; and

24 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
25 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,
26 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. NeSmith will long be remembered for her zest for life and love of family
28 and friendship, and this loyal wife, mother, sister, and friend will be missed by all who had
29 the great fortune of knowing her.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 join in honoring the life and memory of Dr. Mary Brannen NeSmith and express their
32 deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Mary Brannen
35 NeSmith.